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Memorandum for the Record

Subject: HSC/Boos Meeting

I delivered OGC's compilation on the statutes and laws affecting CIA to Jack Boos so that I would have an opportunity to introduce myself. He immediately asked if the compilation included the Ryan (Hughes) amendment, a point of obvious interest to him. It didn't and I will provide it. (1 & 6.)

Boos said that they planned to send us a request for documents to see how we responded. I urged him not to do that, saying that there first had to be some exchange between Colby and Pike setting forth ground rules. We simply wouldn't respond until this had been done. I noted problem areas would be our need to protect sources and methods, handling of third-agency material, and executive privilege. I noted that we were not free agents, and that the White House played a role.

Boos reiterated that Pike felt strongly that hearings on CIA finances should be public. He wondered if this was a collision course with us and seemed most interested in my reaction. I said I felt it was definitely a collision course according to what I knew of Colby's views, and I added that, when the committee understood that discussion of financial details could reveal existence of certain systems and endanger the functioning of the intelligence arm, it might agree that public sessions were not in the public interest.

Boos asked if Mr. Colby would be available during the first two weeks in August. I thought so.

Boos asked if we had been working to gather the information requested in Nodzie's letter. I replied that we would be able to provide it fairly promptly when we got the request from the committee.


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We discussed the mechanic^s of and need for security: Boos made the point strongly that there had been no staff leaks. I said that whether leaks came from members or from staffers, they were still leaks.

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